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INCLUSION OF AREAS IN UGC PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any norms have been prescribed for the inclusion of areas in the UGC programme;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to change the existing norms to extend benefit of the scheme for the tribals and other backward areas of the State;

(c) if so, whether Government proposes to include backward district of States particularly Gujarat in the above programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (d): According to the information furnished by the University Gratis Commission (UGC), the UGC has been implementing a shceme entitled `Special Development Grant for Universities / Colleges in Backward areas` for providing grants to Universities and Colleges located in the educationally backward areas as identified by the Planning Commission (on the b`asis of the 2001 census). This is applicable to the State of Gujarat also.